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Pay your Taxes!
The delinquent list of Marion County will be placed in the hands of the printer on the 1st day of October. All who intend to pay their taxes and do not wish to be advertised, had better attend to the matter previous to that time.

A NEW MINISTER FROM FRANCE.—The New York Tribune states that, "we are informed that M. Poussin's recall has been decided on by the French government, independent of his difficulty with the cabinet at Washington. Mr. de Montholon, the son of General Montholon, is said to be named his successor."

LETTERS OF THE PLANK ROAD TO CHARLESTON, I.A.—Mr. O. M. Marsh received the contract for making the plank road from Jeffersonville to Charleston, Indiana, from the Clark county Central plank road company. The road is to be 15 feet wide, and Mr. Marsh agrees to build it for \$9 per rod. When completed it will be one of the best and most useful roads in the country.

CARPENTERS.—There is a great lack of carpenters in our city at the present time, owing to the large amount of work in progress. Master carpenters have told us that they would employ from six to twelve extra hands at once could they get them, and at high wages; and one, to our knowledge, if not a dozen others, would give steady employment through the winter. This useful class of mechanics abroad should look at their chances here.

GRACE GREENWOOD.—At present in Boston superintending the issue of her first book which is now passing rapidly through the press of Messrs. Ticknor & Co. The volume is to contain a collection of her prose tales, a series of stories evincing a power and condensation in the narration of incidents seldom exhibited. "Greenwood Leaves," the title of the new book, will we doubt not, be as attractive and gain as much popularity as Fanny Forester's "Alderbrook," the 8th edition of which we see advertised.

MURDER.—On Saturday, Sept. 15th, John P. Harvey was killed by Thornton Clevinger, in Tippecanoe county. The quarrel originated at a shooting match, between other persons. Clevinger was committed for trial by Justice Shaw of the Battle Ground. The Lafayette Journal says—

Mr. Harvey, the deceased, was one of our best citizens, and esteemed by all who knew him. He was about 38 years of age, and left a wife and four children to deplore his loss.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS.—The North Star publishes a letter addressed by Mr. Douglass to Captain Thomas Auld, his former master, in which it is said that Capt. A. has emancipated all his slaves except the grandmother of Mr. D. who is too old to sustain herself in freedom. Capt. A. has taken her from the desolate hut where she formerly lived, into his own kitchen, and is now providing for her in a manner becoming a man and a Christian. Mr. D. addressed his former master in a spirit of gratitude and respect.

NEWSPAPER LITERATURE.—A resolve has passed the Legislature of Maine, directing the clerk of the Judicial Court in each county in that State to purchase, bind and preserve, for the use, and at the expense of the country, a copy of the newspapers published therein, not exceeding three in number, commencing with the year 1849, and giving preference to those most abounding in historical and other information valuable to the public.

A similar law was passed last winter in New York. Thus will be preserved, in the most authentic shape, the best data of the political, social and religious history of the times.

FLORIDA INDIANS.—The Washington correspondent of the Journal of Commerce says—the government has ordered ten more companies of artillery to Florida, for the protection of the inhabitants of that State from about one hundred Seminole warriors and three hundred negroes and paposes. With an army of two thousand veterans, it is to be hoped that the apprehensions of the inhabitants will be calmed, even if their pockets be not filled by a profuse government expenditure. The Indians still contemptuously encircle themselves in their morasses, showing no disposition for hostilities. But they are singularly devoted to their soil, and do not like to be removed westward.

The New Albany Daily Democrat. has been succeeded by the "Daily Ledger." The new paper is much larger than the one it replaces, and presents a handsome appearance in every respect. The Ledger will be hereafter conducted by Messrs. KENT & NORMAN. They have the ability to make it an able, efficient and interesting paper.

The "Daily Bulletin" (whig.) has also been much enlarged and improved.

We are glad to witness these evidences of prosperity, the result, not only of the enterprise of the publishers, but indicative also of the public spirit of the people of New Albany.

VERMONT ELECTION.—The Montpelier Watchman has returned, nearly complete, of the votes for Governor and Representatives, and sums up the result as follows:—

"Returns nearly full, of the vote for Governor, are: Carlos Coolidge, (whig,) 26,250; Horatio Needham, (democrat,) 23,086; Jonas Clark and scattering, 3,131; majority for Coolidge, 33 votes. Seven votes not yet come in. These votes last year cast 717 votes, and gave 271 majority against Coolidge. He will gain part of that, leaving him about 225 short of an election, according to the returns.

There is a large majority of whigs in the Legislature, which will insure Coolidge's election, of course, if he is not elected by the people.

The Free-Soil demagogues in New York are raving for the annexation of Canada. We hope that these rascals, who are so fierce for annexation, will soon be annexed to a rope or to the pillory or the whipping-post.

The above nice paragraph is from that clasp and decent concern, the Louisville Journal. It has scolded all its abolition notions, and now rants as valiantly against the Free Soilers as Gen. Quitman himself. But the blackguardism of the Louisville Journal is the best compliment that it can pay to any body.

FREE!—On Monday evening, about half past 10 o'clock, the Brew house, belonging to Joseph Laux, situated near Pogue's Run, main street, was discovered to be on fire by one of the workmen who slept in the building. It was totally consumed; and the adjoining buildings were barely saved by the timely application of water by the engines. The loss is probably some eight hundred to one thousand dollars, none of which was insured. The fire is supposed to have originated accidentally, from a defect in the walls of the kiln. It is peculiarly hard on Mr. L., as he had just stored his house with grain, all of which is destroyed. We trust his friends will lend a helping hand to give him a new start; and we may ask, Has he an enemy? No.

Whiggery—Consistency.

The Perryville Eagle of the 20th inst. attempts to show that we are inconsistent, because, while we have condemned the removal of Gen. Lane by Taylor, we have also said, that the present Auditor of State cannot reasonably expect any thing else than to be succeeded by some democrat. We don't wonder that the Editor of the Eagle is a whig, if he be so dull as to consider the cases at all parallel. Lane was removed, almost as soon as he had commenced the discharge of his functions as Governor of Oregon, and long before the term of his commission had expired. The Auditor will have served out the full term for which he was elected, and will stand in the same attitude as any other citizen. Even if there were a whig majority in the Legislature, the claims of the present Auditor for re-election would be no better than those of any other good whig equally well qualified; and it will not be pretended by any body, we think, that he has any stronger claims upon the democrats than he has upon the whigs.

Again: Lane was removed or turned off by his office, in the face and eyes of the repeated and solemn pledges of Taylor and the Taylor leaders, from Crittenden and Clayton down, that no such "proscription" should be practised. The democrat have never been guilty of such falsehood and hypocrisy; and because we condemn such infamous baseness, it is no evidence of inconsistency in us. We have never blamed the whigs for promoting men of their own faith to office; but only because of their treachery and frauds.

We said that Taylor deserved a coat of tar and feathers, not for the mere removal of Gen. Lane, but for the moving causes of that removal, which were nothing more nor less than mean-spirited, low-lived revenge for a supposed personal affront. We don't care who the man is, nor whether he be a whig or democrat, if he make use of the power and prerogative conferred upon him by election to office, for the purpose of inflicting wanton injury upon his real or supposed personal enemies, and for the glutting of private animosity and revenge, he abuses and disgraces the office he holds, and the people who elected him. Any man guilty of such a flagitious prostitution of power, should, if possible, be turned neck and heels out of office, and kicked after he was out, from one end of the country to the other.

The above remarks will also answer the Logansport Telegraph, as well as the Perryville Eagle.

THE SCHOOL LAW.—An intelligent friend has called our attention to a fact in relation to the late school law, and the vote of Marion county at the August election upon the same, which is important. It raises the question whether the law can go into operation in this county; and the law and the facts seem to determine that it cannot.

The 31st section of the act of last winter requires that there shall be a majority of those voting, or in other words, a majority of the whole number of votes given, in a county, to make the law go into effect. As it is a matter of some interest, we give the entire section, as follows:

Sec. 31. This act to be in force from and after its publication in the Indiana Journal and State Sentinel, with this exception, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the distribution of the school funds in March, 1849, under the laws now in force. Provided, however, that the several counties of this State be and they are hereby exempted from the provisions of this act, until said counties respectively assent thereto, and for the purpose of securing such assent, at the next August elections held in the several counties in said counties, the inspectors shall propose to each person when he presents his ballot, the following question, to-wit: "Are you in favor of the act of 1848-9 to be in force in this county, and if you are in favor of it, you are hereby notified that your vote will be counted in favor of it, and if you are not in favor of it, your vote will be counted against it." The answer to each of these interrogatories shall be noted down by the clerks of said elections, and the number voting in the affirmative and negative, certified by the inspectors of said elections to the County Auditors of their respective counties, at the same time required by law to make returns of said elections; and whenever a majority of those voting in said counties to the County Auditors of their respective counties, in favor of this act, then the same shall take effect and be in force in said county, and until such assent is given in each of said counties, the vote for and against this act at each succeeding August election, shall be taken as above in this section provided, in each of said counties so refusing its assent thereto.

The whole number of votes given in Marion county was 3814. Of these 1899 were for the law, and 1735 against it; not voting 162.

Against the law,.....1735

Not voting,.....162

For the law,.....1899

Less than a majority of all the votes given, 16

If this be the proper construction of the section, the law must remain inoperative until another annual election. Several of the townships have elected officers under the law, we understand.

CONSUL AT PARIS.—The Washington correspondent of the Journal of Commerce writes as follows:

Mr. Goodrich, who is popularly known as Peter Parley, is at this moment strongly urged upon the administration as the successor of Robert Walsh in the Parisian Consulate. There would appear to be a connexion between this fact and the editorial denunciations of Mr. Walsh which have appeared in the government organ—the "Republic."—

You may have noticed that the co-organ, the Intelligencer, has not countenanced the censures so profusely bestowed upon Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Walsh, it is alleged by the Republic, does not satisfactorily discharge the technical duties of the Consulate. How this may be, I do not know; but, if an improvement of the sort be needed, it would be well to restore the late Consul, Mr. Draper, who was willing to devote his time and money to technical as well as other duties of the Consulate.

I do not learn that the Cabinet have yet determined to remove Mr. Walsh. When he is out, I will advise you.

We are no admirer of Walsh; but to supersede him by the appointment of such a "literary despatch" as Goodrich, would be ridiculous enough. But it seems that nothing is too absurd for the Taylor administration to be guilty of.

The Washington correspondent of the Pa. Ledger, under date of Sept. 15, writes:

The extreme probability of a union between Barnburners and Hunkers in the State of New York has filled the minds of Democrats with joy and exultation. The conduct of Mr. John Van Buren is much praised, and the general theme of laudation. He has certainly given proofs of great tact, as well as of an extraordinary degree of intelligence.

The result of the recent elections has had a considerable effect in cooling angry political passions here as elsewhere, and there is every reason to hope that the approaching session of Congress will not be so exciting as was anticipated but a few weeks ago. It is pretty certain that the administration will have no working majority, in either House, and that, short of a few considerations, thrown out in the President's message, it will not attempt any material change in the law or policies of the country. The Democrats are satisfied with the laws as they stand, will throw no impediment in the way of their execution, so that there will be positively nothing done in the way of legislation, and no resistance to an administration, which for the time being, is as powerless as if it had never succeeded to the government.

PHENOMENON.—A curious phenomenon is stated to have occurred in Rossie, Scotland, during a thunder-storm. Immediately after one of the loudest peals of thunder ever heard there, a large irregular shaped mass of ice, reckoned to be nearly twenty feet in circumference, and of a proportionate thickness, fell upon a farm-house. It had a beautiful crystalline appearance, being nearly all quite transparent, excepting a small portion of it, which consisted of hail-stones of uncommon size, fixed together. It was principally composed of small squares, diamond-shaped, of from one to three inches in size, all firmly congealed together. The weight of this large piece of ice could not be ascertained. No appearance whatever of hail or snow was discernible in the surrounding district at the time.

Mr. Jefferson on the Slave Question.

The annexed letter from Thomas Jefferson to Hon. Edward Coles, formerly Governor of Illinois, has been brought to light by the agitation in Kentucky, in reference to the Convention about to be held in that State, of the Prospective Emancipation Question:

PHILADELPHIA, June 5, 1849.
MY DEAR SIR: Under the impression that its publication at this time will promote your views, be gratifying to the people of Kentucky, and be of general utility, I am induced to take the liberty to enclose you a copy of a letter from Mr. Jefferson to me on the subject of slavery.

I avail myself of this occasion to render my respectful compliments to Mrs. Clay, and to renew to you assurances of my high respect and regard.
EDWARD COLES.

To Hon. Henry Clay, Lexington, Ky.

DEAR SIR: Your favor of July 31st was duly received, and was read with particular pleasure. The sentiments breathed through the whole do honor to the head and heart of the writer. Mine on the subject of the slavery of negroes have long since been in possession of the public, and time has only served to give them stronger root.

The love of justice and the love of country plead equally the cause of these people, and it is a moral reproach to us that they should have pleaded it so long in vain, and should have produced not a single effort—nay, I fear, not much serious willingness—to relieve them and ourselves from our present condition of moral and political corruption. From the former generation was given in the fullness of age when I came into public life, which was while our controversy with England was on paper only. I soon saw that nothing was to be hoped. Nursed and educated in the daily habit of seeing the degraded condition, both bodily and mental, of these unfortunate beings, not reflecting that that degradation was the result of the cruel and unfeeling treatment of their fathers, few minds had yet doubted, but that they were as legitimate subjects of property as their horses or cattle. The quiet and monotonous course of colonial life had been disturbed by no alarm and little reflection on the value of liberty; and when alarm was taken at an enterprise on their own, it was easy to exclaim, then the whole logic of the principles which they invoked for themselves. In the first or second session of the Legislature after I became a member, I drew to this subject the attention of Col. Bland, one of the oldest, ablest, and most respected members, and he undertook to move for certain moderate extensions of the protection of the free people. I seconded his motion, and, as a younger member, was more ardent in the debate; but he was denounced as an enemy to his country, and was treated with the greatest incivility.

From an early stage of our Revolution, other and more distant duties were assigned me, so that from that time till my return from Europe in 1789, I may say, till I returned to reside at home in 1805, I had little opportunity of knowing the progress of public sentiment here on this subject. I had always hoped that the younger generation, receiving their early impressions after the flames of liberty had been kindled in every breast, and had become as it were the vital spirit of every American, and the growth of a temperance of youth, analogous to the motion of their blood, and above the suggestions of aversion, would have sympathized with oppression wherever found, and proved their love of liberty beyond their own share of it. But my intercourse with them since my return has not been sufficient to ascertain that they had made towards this point the progress I had hoped. Your solitary but welcome voice is the first which has brought this sound to my ear, and I have considered the general silence which prevails on this subject as indicating an apathy unfavorable to our hopes. Yet the hour of Emancipation is advancing in the march of Time. It will come; and, whether brought on by the generous energy of our own minds, or by the bloody process of war, or by the motion of their blood, and above the suggestions of aversion, would have sympathized with oppression wherever found, and proved their love of liberty beyond their own share of it. But my intercourse with them since my return has not been sufficient to ascertain that they had made towards this point the progress I had hoped. Your solitary but welcome voice is the first which has brought this sound to my ear, and I have considered the general silence which prevails on this subject as indicating an apathy unfavorable to our hopes. Yet the hour of Emancipation is advancing in the march of Time. 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